

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
INSPECTORS
OF THE
STATE ALMSHOUSE,
AT TEWKSBURY.

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INSPECTORS' REPORT.

To His Excellency, N. P. BANKS, Governor, and the Honorable Council:—

The Inspectors of the State Almshouse, Tewksbury, beg leave to present their Fifth Annual Report.

A change having taken place in the superintendency of the institution, during the year, each officer has severally rendered a statement of his doings to this Board, covering the period of his own administration. To these united reports we refer, for a full and succinct account of the expenditures of the past eleven months; of the products of the farm, and of all matters relating to the internal affairs of the institution, that are important to be known to your excellency, or to the public. The report of the physician, presenting a clear and satisfactory view of the sanitary condition of the house, and that of the chaplain, giving an account of his useful and acceptable labors for the moral and religious improvement of its inmates, are also herewith appended.

The last year, memorable for the great monetary convulsion, which paralyzed so extensively all our industrial pursuits, was a year of suffering for the poor and the laboring classes generally.

Private liberality was, indeed, dispensed with an almost prodigal hand to relieve the wants of the destitute. Still, notwithstanding all the efforts of individual and associated benevolence, an unusual number demanded and received the charity of the Commonwealth. During the severity of the winter, more than twelve hundred were daily lodged and fed under the roof of the Tewksbury State almshouse, a number altogether too great for the existing accommodations. Every effort was made to preserve a healthy condition of the house, and with as much success as could reasonably have been anticipated. But the experiment was a hazardous one, and we have no desire to see it repeated. Touching this point, we beg leave to refer you to some facts and statements contained in the physician's report.

Every returning year brings with it a necessity for new improvements, involving, of course, additional expenditures. Taxed, as the Commonwealth has already been, for the maintenance of her charitable institutions, we should be slow to ask for any outlay that was not imperiously demanded. But at the same time, relying upon her generous and unfailing liberality, such improvements or additions as, in our judgment, are needful for the more perfect success of the institution placed under our charge, we cannot in justice either to the State or ourselves, hesitate to recommend. The Commonwealth has chosen the existing system of providing for the paupers thrown upon her care. While, therefore, the system is continued, true economy dictates that all appliances necessary to its successful and harmonious working be furnished.

When the State almshouses were erected, it was not supposed, probably, that they were intended to be, to any extent, receptacles for the insane. Such is a fair inference, from the fact that no provision was made with this view. But the Commonwealth has since adopted, and wisely as we think, the policy of supporting a class of the insane paupers in her State almshouses. It is doubtless true, that some cases of insanity may be as well cared for here, and at much less expense, than in the lunatic hospitals of Worcester, Taunton, or Northampton. From some of these hospitals, the two first named certainly, incurables have been sent to the almshouses, and room thereby made for a more hopeful class of patients. In some instances, these persons

have been transformed into useful laborers upon the farm at Tewksbury. The average number of the insane, the past year, of all grades and degrees of mental malady, has been about eighty.

In 1857, a building standing outside the main structure was fitted up at small expense for the females of this class, and it has served an excellent purpose. But for the insane men we have no separate and distinct apartment. They necessarily mix in with the other subjects of the house, to the disadvantage of both classes. No strong rooms or other means of restraint for those who are occasionally violent, exist, unless resort is had to the cells, ordinarily used for purposes of punishment.

In this connection, we desire also to say, that the apartment of the house, hitherto used for a chapel and school-room, is insufficient for our more than two hundred scholars, or for the number who attend the chapel services on the Sabbath. Having said thus much, we are prepared to state the plan to which we respectfully invite your attention, and which, we trust, the legislature will enable us to execute. It is, that a new building be erected to accommodate the school or schools, if it should be divided, and at the same time serve the purpose of a chapel; and secondly, that the room now used for the school be fitted up with all necessary conveniences for the separate and exclusive accommodation of the insane men. This being done, the appointments of the house will be greatly improved, and we shall be enabled, suitably and safely, to care for our present and, if necessary, a still larger number of the insane and demented.

One other want remains to be named,—the means to repaint the house,—and this, in our judgment, is demanded by considerations of economy.

With the foregoing exceptions, we are not aware that any appropriations are needed for the Tewksbury house, other than for the ordinary maintenance of its inmates.

We are happy to bear our testimony to the zeal and fidelity with which the affairs of the institution have been administered by its superintendents the past year, as well as to the harmony that has existed among all its employees. Two female teachers have had charge of the interesting school con-

nected with the house, and it is but due to them to say, that they have labored assiduously and with great success in their work of love.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. HUNTINGTON,
GEORGE FOSTER,
DANA HOLDEN,

Inspectors.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

[For thirty-eight weeks of the financial year.]

Gentlemen of the Board of Inspectors :—

Allow me to present to you my fifth and last report of the institution under my charge.

The executive saw fit to remove me on the tenth inst., consequently my report will only embrace thirty-eight weeks of the financial year.

I can in justice say that all the officers who have been placed here to assist me in the management of the institution, have been faithful to their trust.

The crops on the farm look promising. I have planted twenty acres to potatoes, two acres to peas, seven acres to rye, and sixteen acres to other vegetables and grain, making in all about fifty acres.

I have continued the improvements on the farm by the removal of many stones, stumps, &c. I have, during this time, under your direction, sent out of the State, two hundred and sixty-nine persons who had become State charges.

EXPENSES.

Estimate of produce on hand at the commence-	
ment of the year,	\$3,592 91
Dry goods, W. I. goods, coal, wood, lumber, shoe	
stock, medicine, stock, &c., on hand,	8,979 15
Farming utensils, carts, wagons, harnesses, &c., .	1,731 00
Making a total of	<hr/> \$14,303 06

CASH PAID OUT.

October, 1857.

James Weld & Co., flour,	\$906 00
W. P. Goodhue, W. I. goods and sand,	563 37
Hart, Baldwin & Botume, pork,	401 20
Edwards, Nichols & Co., dry goods,	200 38
P. M. Jefferson, soap,	175 50
Thomas Hollis, medicines,	158 31
George & W. E. Gowing, beef,	132 99
William Perkins, smith work,	99 63
Tower, Davis, & Co., grain,	88 00
Lowell & Lawrence Railroad, transportation,	90 33
Sargent's Express, transportation,	65 15
H. E. Preston, groceries,	56 60
George Goodnow, tobacco,	56 38
George Goodnow, rice,	47 07
George Lee, dry goods,	36 76
H. W. French, leather,	50 78
Fosters, Cole & Co., carpet,	30 67
Francis McLaughlin, brushes,	29 87
B. S. Codman, surgical instruments,	27 75
Thomas Simmons, burning fluid,	25 57
Henry Carter, hops,	20 16
John Waters, apples and chickens,	18 30
John Prescott, butter and eggs,	15 83
Thaddeus Gould, caps,	12 00
B. F. Spaulding, postage,	11 79
H. & J. B. Piersons, labor,	11 00
Alanson Flint, straw,	10 88
Henry Rice, hay,	10 54
John Strachan, straw,	9 52
Clapp's Express, transportation,	4 13
A Bond & Son, crackers,	81 63
S. W. Huse, bill heads,	9 00
B. & L. & N. & L. Railroad, transportation,	2 50
T. J. Jenkins, beef,	128 32
P. P. Pillsbury, milk,	63 00
Nathan Jacques, straw,	15 26
Nathan Abbott, 2d, beef,	105 49
Daniel Mace, hay,	51 76

Joel Rogers, milk and straw,	\$74 91
George Pillsbury, milk,	54 04
Luther Twiss, straw,	19 40
Abner Shedd, hay,	15 22
E. R. Gardner, milk,	47 85
Oliver Foster, straw,	9 46
Seneca Kendall, straw,	8 94
B. Parker Foster, straw,	13 20
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Making	\$4,066 44

From Special Appropriation for Building.

N. T. Staples, mason work,	\$60 20
Otis Allen, lumber,	244 59

November, 1857.

B. A. & C. Blood, provisions,	\$395 54
Hart, Baldwin & Botume, beef and pork,	374 96
Talbot & Newell, dry goods,	341 13
Isaac H. Meserve, sundries,	285 56
George & W. E. Gowing, beef,	270 00
Nathan Abbott, 2d, beef,	172 38
Dana, Farrar & Hyde, West India goods,	161 98
B. W. Jenness, socks,	154 50
Hiram W. French, leather,	137 64
Tower, Davis & Co., grain,	117 00
George A. Simmons, oil,	100 37
H. C. Merriam, hay and fruit,	95 03
Henry Rice, hay,	94 48
Moses Huckins, butter,	78 25
John Fosdick, dry goods,	70 04
Wilder & Dana, plumbing,	66 49
Oliver Foster, straw and ox cart,	61 80
George Goodnow & Co., West India goods,	50 46
P. P. Pillsbury, milk,	50 22
Joel Rogers, milk,	49 50
E. R. Gardner, milk and hay,	48 25
A. Bond & Son, crackers.	46 32
Jos. S. Farmer, pigs,	40 00
George Pillsbury, milk,	37 44

B. Parker Foster, straw,	\$36 54
Henry Eaton, smith work,	31 12
O. B. North, buffalo robes,	33 00
C. B. Richmond, cotton batting,	30 00
Joel Baldwin, butter,	20 12
William Trow, straw,	19 57
H. W. Blaisdell, leather,	15 66
J. C. Orcutt, turkeys,	14 74
Bradbury & Company, printing,	13 75
Henry D. Pierce, pasturing oxen,	12 00
B. & L. & N. & L. R. R., transportation,	11 91
Estate of Elijah Austin, potatoes,	9 60
Joseph Wright, apples,	9 00
Benjamin Brackett, cranberries,	9 00
Clapp's Express, transportation,	5 75
Francis McLaughlin, brushes,	4 00
Daniel Kendall, straw,	3 70
Patrick Fahey, chickens,	3 20
Salaries of officers for one quarter,	1,255 66
T. J. Jenkins, beef,	27 30
Caleb Livingston, milk,	116 14
Lowell and Lawrence Railroad, transportation,	99 20
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Making,	\$5,080 30
Credit by cash for things sold,	138 99
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	\$4,941 31

Special appropriation for heating house:—

Horace R. Barker, pipe, labor, &c.,	\$1,992 71
Stephen Ashton, boiler and fixtures,	403 07
N. T. Staples, mason work,	103 98
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	\$2,499 76

December, 1857.

James Weld & Co., flour,	\$759 11
Edwards, Nichols & Co., dry goods,	486 32
Samuel Jones, iron bedsteads,	450 00
Hart, Baldwin & Botume, beef,	447 20
Dana, Farrar & Hyde, W. I. goods,	398 40

Isaac H. Meserve and wife, services,	\$375 00
Talbot & Newell, dry goods,	228 51
Henry D. Pierce, beef oxen,	305 00
Nichols & Co., groceries,	184 73
Wilder & Dana, repairs on water pipe,	182 19
H. R. Barker, repairs on steam pipes,	102 14
Samuel Convers, repairs on carriages, &c.,	84 11
Wise & Russell, tongues and sounds,	80 80
C. B. Richmond, cotton batting,	78 00
Thomas Bridge, beef and grain,	71 75
Curtis Meserve, transportation of paupers to St. Johns,	67 41
Lowell and Lawrence Railroad, transportation,	61 42
John Fosdick, dry goods,	36 71
Brown, Taggard & Chase, school books,	35 68
George & W. E. Gowing, beef,	34 12
John Simpson, repairs on engine,	27 95
S. Bardwell, pigs,	27 00
Thomas Flood, straw,	22 10
J. & C. Shattuck, junk,	14 55
Gilbert French, turkeys,	7 77
Abiel Sanders, butter,	6 38
Hiram W. French, leather,	170 44
I. H. Meserve, sending paupers to St. Johns, &c.	283 44
P. P. Pillsbury, milk,	50 40
Joel Rogers, milk,	50 76
Caleb Livingston, milk,	43 29
George Pillsbury, milk,	36 78
E. R. Gardner, milk,	24 84
Making,	<hr/> \$5,234 30

January, 1858.

Hart, Baldwin & Botume, beef and pork,	\$763 07
James Weld & Co., flour,	544 84
Dana, Farrar & Hyde, W. I. goods,	283 48
J. W. & A. Roberts, flour,	275 00
Edwards, Nichols & Co., dry goods,	198 54
Nathan Abbott, 2d, beef,	197 60
Tower, Davis & Co., grain,	196 00

W. P. Goodhue, pork,	\$189 00
P. M. Jefferson, soap,	184 38
Isaac H. Meserve, sending paupers out of the State,	175 75
William H. Patten, flour,	173 25
Stephen Mansur, hardware, &c.,	149 83
G. W. & H. W. Pierce, beef and pork,	148 52
A. Bond & Son, crackers,	119 84
Stone, Wood & Baldwin, dry goods,	115 89
William Trow, oxen for beef,	112 00
Caleb Livingston, milk,	94 47
Salem & Lowell Railroad, transportation,	93 57
B. W. Jenness, socks,	75 00
J. B. Fielding & Co., paints, oil and glass,	73 70
Henry Rice, hay and straw,	57 96
Nathaniel Witham, salt fish,	53 55
A. McKenny & Co., junk,	50 52
Preston & Allen, mitts,	48 00
N. T. Staples, mason work,	47 13
B. F. Spaulding, straw and postage,	42 55
James A. Roberts, beans,	42 46
A. H. Grosvenor, brooms,	41 25
Henry Palmer, services,	30 00
John Waters, hay,	29 50
Bravity Gray, apples,	28 00
W. & L. McFarlin, ice,	25 00
George & W. E. Gowing, beef,	24 36
John Prescott, butter,	21 20
Francis McLaughlin, brushes,	20 00
T. B. & J. T. Fuller, shoe findings,	19 77
Sargent's Express, transportation,	19 75
Brown, Taggard & Chase, school books,	18 92
Luther Twiss, straw,	18 00
A. S. Morss, cooper's tools,	17 59
C. B. Richmond, cotton batting,	16 00
Adams & North, furniture,	15 62
H. E. Preston, groceries,	15 19
W. E. Livingston, lime and cement,	12 62
H. W. Trafton, nuts, &c.,	10 82
A. Folsom, carpet,	10 45
J. O. Richardson, sawing and grinding,	9 78

Fines & Lodge, junk,	\$9 65
Lorenzo Long, straw,	8 00
Jonathan Knowles, straw,	6 40
Wheeler & Butcher, hoop iron,	6 02
Boston & Lowell Railroad, transportation,	6 00
William Heath, 20 "reapers,"	6 00
Bangs Brothers, hardware,	3 92
Fernald & Rollins, pattern for grate,	3 40
P. P. Pillsbury, milk,	63 00
Joel Rogers, milk,	80 64
E. R. Gardner, milk,	45 40
George Pillsbury, milk,	55 80
Stephen Mansur, hardware and crockery,	26 87
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Making,	\$5,230 82

February, 1858.

Samuel Horn, soap,	\$185 85
Tower, Davis & Co., grain,	92 00
Thomas Hollis, drugs and medicines,	33 94
Thomas C. Trow, beef,	4 37
Salaries of officers for one month,	437 33
Blanchard & Gilson, liquors,	15 88
Nathaniel P. Low, poultry,	15 80
Elisha Huntington, services as consulting physician,	66 67
Stone, Wood & Baldwin, flour,	504 00
Stone, Wood & Baldwin, dry goods,	85 47
Jacob Coggin & Co., flour,	400 00
Talbot & Newell, dry goods,	286 03
Leonard Huntress, hay,	162 13
J. W. & A. Roberts, W. I. goods,	146 48
H. W. French, leather,	143 64
George A. Simmons, oil,	87 17
Thomas Hollis, medicines,	83 82
Tower, Davis & Co., grain,	73 00
A. Bond & Son, crackers,	57 68
Edwards, Nichols & Co., dry goods,	32 52
John Waters, hay and eggs,	25 85
James Gowing, beef,	21 00
Dana, Farrar & Hyde, W. I. goods,	24 85

F. McLaughlin, brushes,	\$18 00
John R. Smith, shoe stock,	14 45
Thomas Morey, straw,	10 35
Moses Huckins, straw,	10 10
Samuel Thompson, straw,	7 75
Benjamin Easterbrook, cigars,	6 50
Joshua Clark, straw,	6 05
T. J. Jenkins, beef,	56 46
Joel Rogers, milk,	60 48
P. P. Pillsbury, milk,	50 76
Caleb Livingston, milk,	71 84
George Pillsbury, milk and eggs,	43 93
E. R. Gardner, milk and eggs,	36 85
Charles Livingston, wood,	55 41
John S. Adams, wood,	23 00
Salem and Lowell Railroad, transportation,	31 13
Trader's Union, flour,	24 50
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	\$3,513 21

March, 1858.

James Weld & Co., flour,	\$718 50
Dana, Farrar & Hyde, W. I. goods,	315 01
Stone, Wood & Baldwin, dry goods,	217 11
Estate of J. Kittredge, oxen,	125 00
Tower, Davis & Co., grain,	121 00
P. M. Jefferson, soap,	103 42
Suffolk Manufacturing Co., dry goods,	87 38
H. W. French, leather,	86 42
J. W. & A. Roberts, beans and W. I. goods,	85 13
Nathaniel Witham, salt fish,	74 63
A. Bond & Son, crackers,	64 08
T. J. Jenkins, beef,	61 66
Edwards, Nichols & Co., dry goods,	46 63
George Pillsbury, milk and eggs,	45 90
Aaron Frost, Jr., groceries,	36 48
E. R. Gardner, milk,	33 95
Caleb Livingston, milk,	68 44
Edward Kendall, beef,	29 10
Taisey & Clark, potatoes,	27 95

Aaron R. Gay, stationery,	\$19 81
Williamson & Smith, dry goods,	17 91
Samuel Clark, cranberries, &c.,	16 05
J. A. Brabrook, blankets,	14 17
D. Swan, rubbers,	8 40
James T. Edmands, fresh fish,	1 75
Salaries of officers for one quarter,	1,645 16
John Prescott, potatoes, &c.,	195 93
Isaac H. Meserve, sundries,	148 77
Moses Huckins, butter,	73 37
Nichols & Co., groceries,	88 49
B. & L. & N. & L. Railroads, transportation,	13 65
J. M. Manning, potatoes,	56 23
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Making,	\$4,647 48
Cr. by cash, for articles sold,	540 07
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	\$4,107 41

April, 1858.

James Weld, flour,	\$504 00
John Dike & Co., coal,	337 50
George & W. E. Gowing, beef,	213 49
J. W. & A. Roberts, W. I. goods,	201 63
John Prescott, potatoes,	197 98
Salem & Lowell Railroad, transportation,	150 74
E. R. Gardner, wood,	124 25
Samuel Horn, soap,	127 79
Tower, Davis & Co., grain,	118 00
B. W. Jenness, socks,	115 00
T. J. Jenkins, beef,	101 42
Suffolk Manufacturing Co., dry goods,	90 35
E. H. Ashcroft, low water detector,	60 00
P. P. Pillsbury, milk,	59 40
George Pillsbury, milk,	53 10
Joseph S. Farmer, milk,	52 50
Wilson, Hamilton & Co., dry goods,	51 56
Joel Rogers, milk,	71 28
Thaddeus Gould, caps,	71 25
Amos Colby, pumps,	35 25
Edwards, Nichols & Co., dry goods,	35 12

James Gowing, beef,	\$29 77
James M. McCoy, writing books,	23 04
Sargent's express, transportation,	22 66
Robert Paisey, potatoes,	22 50
Stone, Wood & Baldwin, dry goods,	14 40
Brown, Taggard & Chase, school books,	16 65
Lewis Clark, straw,	14 00
B. F. Spaulding, postage,	13 85
Fines & Lodge, junk,	10 52
M. Mead, tin ware,	9 43
John Waters, eggs,	6 80
Bradbury & Co., "Daily Bee,"	6 00
E. R. Gardner, milk,	50 17
Caleb Livingston, milk and potatoes,	109 53
Leonard Huntress, hay and milk,	60 58
Joseph S. Farmer, hay,	84 70
J. B. Fielding & Co., paints, oil and glass,	64 43
B. & L. & N. & L. R. R., transportation,	16 30
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Making,	\$3,346 94

May, 1858.

James Weld, flour,	\$532 53
J. Coggin & Co., flour,	475 00
Dana, Farrar & Hyde, W. I. goods,	274 07
I. H. Meserve, supplies,	181 92
William Perkins, smith work,	131 53
Edwards, Nichols & Co., dry goods,	122 28
Salem and Lowell Railroad, transportation,	109 04
A. Bond & Son, crackers,	89 58
John Prescott, potatoes,	84 30
Tower, Whitcher & Co., grain,	80 00
John Waugh, slating,	73 71
N. Witham, salt fish,	56 01
A. L. Brooks & Co., lumber,	55 35
George Pillsbury, milk,	47 34
Thomas Bridge, beef and pigs,	44 92
E. R. Gardner, milk,	40 00
M. A. Pillsbury, potatoes,	37 50
Silas Griffin, beef,	36 89

George Bickford, labor,	\$31 33
A. L. Waite & Co., beans,	24 55
F. McLaughlin, brushes,	24 00
Henry Eaton, smith work,	22 75
Robert Taisey, potatoes,	21 95
Daniel Carter, basket willows,	15 00
C. C. Northup, transportation,	10 00
Blake, Barnard & Co., seeds,	8 49
Joseph S. Farmer, milk,	66 73
Caleb Livingston, milk and eggs,	66 36
Leonard Huntress, milk,	49 00
Otis Allen, lumber,	52 26
Boston & Lowell and N. & L. R. R., transportation,	9 00
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Making,	\$2,873 39

June, 1858.

Isaac H. Meserve and wife, services as superintendent and matron, one quarter,	\$375 00
Jonathan Brown, one-quarter's services as physician,	200 00
Omar Boynton and wife, one-quarter's services as assistants,	125 00
G. G. Bumpus and wife, one-quarter's services as assistants,	112 50
T. P. Bartlett and wife, one-quarter's services as assistants,	100 00
J. M. Burt, one-quarter's services as chaplain,	100 00
J. R. Smith, one-quarter's services as shoemaker,	78 00
W. Warren Abbott, one-quarter's services as engineer,	75 00
David Bickford, one-quarter's services as farmer,	75 00
W. H. W. Hinds, one-quarter's services as clerk,	60 00
Charles H. Waterhouse, one-quarter's services as cook,	60 00
Luman F. Brown, one-quarter's services as farmer,	60 00
James R. Bailey, 2 $\frac{3}{5}$ month's services in charge of boys,	52 00
Mary Barber, one-quarter's services as teacher,	39 00

Delia M. Hussey, one-quarter's services as teacher,	\$39 00
Almira C. Wetherbee, one-quarter's services as cook,	39 00
Abby T. Clark, one-quarter's services as semp- stress,	39 00
Elisha Huntington, two quarter's services as con- sulting physician,	50 00
J. W. & A. Roberts, W. I. goods,	283 60
P. M. Jefferson, soap,	181 80
G. W. & H. W. Pierce, pork,	122 24
T. J. Jenkins, beef,	113 90
B. A. & C. Blood, provisions,	106 00
Thomas Hollis, medicines,	96 29
Tower, Whitcher & Co., grain,	84 00
Otis Allen, lumber,	91 89
S. Mansur, hardware, &c.,	82 82
A. L. Waite & Co., beans,	80 33
Samuel Horn, soap,	64 39
Nichols & Co., groceries,	66 14
Abiel Sanders, butter,	28 34
Fosters & Cole, table for office,	25 00
Salem & Lowell Railroad, transportation,	19 50
J. M. Burt, trusses,	19 00
William Perkins, smith work,	18 01
Joseph S. Farmer, hay,	16 73
Edwards, Nichols & Co., dry goods,	16 16
Luther Twiss, straw,	15 05
A. Frost, Jr., groceries,	14 77
P. C. Shedd, potatoes,	13 50
Joel Baldwin, butter,	10 26
H. E. Preston, groceries,	9 10
Adams & North, upholstery work,	7 70
B. F. Spaulding, postage,	6 02
S. Convers, repairs of wagon,	5 59
Robert Wood, treatment of horse,	5 25
J. B. Fielding & Co., glass, &c.,	2 30
H. R. Barker, condensers and steam work,	214 02
Isaac H. Meserve, supplies,	146 98
George & W. E. Gowing, beef,	89 09
Caleb Livingston, milk and butter,	57 83

George Pillsbury, milk,	\$36 00
E. R. Gardner, milk,	32 89
Leonard Huntress, milk,	42 00
Joseph S. Farmer, milk,	47 40
A. Bond & Son, crackers,	22 05
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Making,	\$3,972 44
Credit by cash for articles sold,	790 33
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Making,	\$3,182 11
Whole amount paid for ordinary expenses,	\$37,965 32
Cash received for articles sold,	1,469 39
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Amount drawn from State treasury,	\$36,495 93
To this amount should be added for farming uten-	
sils, stock, goods and provisions on hand at the	
commencement of the year,	14,303 06
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	\$50,798 99

From this amount should be deducted	
for estimate of value of crops on farm, \$1,750 00	
West India goods, dry goods, stock in	
shoe shop, wood, lumber, stock, farm-	
ing utensils and carriages,	10,216 95
Medicines and surgical apparatus,	441 36
Transportation of paupers,	1,050 00
Ice house and workshop,	450 00
Arbor, and fence inclosing garden,	175 00
100 iron bedsteads,	450 00
Clock, table and refrigerator,	78 00
1,000 loads muck,	100 00
200 loads compost manure,	100 00
Due from David Cowan for board of	
father,	80 00
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	\$14,891 31

Making the net sum for the support of inmates
thirty-eight weeks, \$35,907 68
being \$36.33 for each pauper for that time, or
about 96 cents per week.

The number in the house at the commencement of the year was,	751
Admitted during the thirty-eight weeks, . .	2,056

Of this last number there were admitted from

Boston,	639
Lowell,	393
Tewksbury,	167
Lawrence,	145
Salem,	68
Lynn,	55
Cambridge,	43
Charlestown,	40
Chelsea,	39
Newburyport,	39
Waltham,	31
Andover,	21
South Danvers,	18
Woburn,	13
Marlborough,	12
Haverhill,	10
Shirley,	10
Somerville,	10
Cambridge house of correction,	9
Newton, Hopkinton and Holliston, 8 each, . .	24
Gloucester and Ipswich, 7 each,	14
Worcester insane hospital,	6
Billerica, Malden, Groton, Marblehead and Reading, 5 each,	25
Concord, Ipswich house of correction, North Andover, Brighton, Framingham and West Newbury, 4 each,	24
Melrose and Lexington, 3 each,	6
Weston, Watertown, Dracut, Winchester and Townsend, 2 each,	10
Westford, Beverly, Wayland, Saugus, Rowley, Monson State almshouse, Acton, Sudbury, Bradford, Groveland, Salisbury, Stoneham, Middleton, Middlefield, Burlington, Danvers, Chelmsford, Tyngsboro' and Medford, 1 each,	19
Total,	2,056

The following table will show the number admitted each month, their age and sex.

	Totals.	Males.	Females.	Under 10.	Between 10 and 20.	Between 20 and 30.	Between 30 and 40.	Between 40 and 50.	Between 50 and 60.	Between 60 and 70.	Between 70 and 80.	Between 80 and 90.	Between 90 and 100.	Over 100.
October, . . .	243	154	89	63	24	60	31	29	19	9	8	-	-	-
November, . .	333	203	130	76	59	89	49	34	13	9	2	2	-	-
December, . .	413	277	136	78	52	111	88	46	27	8	3	-	-	-
January, . . .	225	137	88	61	33	60	37	23	7	3	-	1	-	-
February, . . .	149	100	49	31	19	42	26	18	8	4	1	-	-	-
March,	130	85	45	24	16	41	23	10	7	4	4	-	-	1
April,	133	80	53	32	21	33	24	10	8	5	-	-	-	-
May,	271	152	119	66	37	76	43	23	15	6	5	-	-	-
To the 22d June,	159	78	81	42	28	34	21	14	8	10	2	-	-	-
Totals, . . .	2,056	1,266	790	473	289	546	342	207	112	58	25	3	-	1

Of the foregoing, there were born in

Ireland,	955
Massachusetts, (mostly of Irish parents,) . .	514
England,	201
British Provinces,	76
Scotland,	67
Maine,	60
New Hampshire,	42
New York,	30
Vermont,	18
France,	18
Germany,	13
Rhode Island,	10
Connecticut,	7
All other States,	17
West Indies,	4
Wales and Spain, 2 each,	4
Norway, at Sea, East Indies, China, Africa, Denmark and Mexico, 1 each,	7
Unknown,	13
Total,	2,056

Deaths,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	151
Births, (including stillborn,)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	63
Average number,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	988 $\frac{1}{2}$
Present number,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	809

In closing this Report, I desire to say, that a sense of justice impels me to refer with gratitude, to the interest which you, gentlemen, have constantly manifested in the management of the institution ; and as the official relations heretofore existing are now dissolved, allow me to express my sincere desire for your future happiness and prosperity.

ISAAC H. MESERVE,

Superintendent.

STATE ALMSHOUSE, TEWKSBURY, }
June 22, 1858. }

This is to certify that we have examined the within account of Isaac H. Meserve with the Commonwealth, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

E. HUNTINGTON, }
GEORGE FOSTER, } *Inspectors.*
DANA HOLDEN, }

Dr. THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS *in account with* ISAAC H. MESERVE, *Superintendent.* *Cr.*

1857.		1857.		1857.
Oct.	To cash paid for supplies, .	\$4,066 44	By cash received from State Treasurer, .	\$4,066 44
Nov.	cash paid for supplies, .	5,080 30	cash received from State Treasurer, .	\$4,941 31
			cash received for things sold, .	138 99—5,080 30
Dec.	cash paid for supplies, .	5,234 30	cash received from State Treasurer, .	5,234 30
1858.				
Jan.	cash paid for supplies, .	5,230 82	cash received from State Treasurer, .	5,230 82
Feb.	cash paid for supplies, .	3,513 21	cash received from State Treasurer, .	3,513 21
March,	cash paid for supplies, .	4,647 48	cash received from State Treasurer, .	4,107 41
			cash received for articles sold, .	540 07—4,647 48
April,	cash paid for supplies, .	3,346 94	cash received from State Treasurer, .	3,346 94
May,	cash paid for supplies, .	2,873 39	cash received from State Treasurer, .	2,873 39
June,	cash paid for supplies, .	3,972 44	cash received from State Treasurer, .	3,182 11
			cash received for articles sold, .	790 33—3,972 44
		<u>\$37,965 32</u>		<u>\$37,965 32</u>

*Account with Superintendent—Continued.**Dr.**Cr.*

1858.		1858.	From appropriation of 1855.	
Oct.	Lumber and mason work,	\$304 79	By cash received from State Treasurer, . .	\$304 79
Nov.	Paid H. R. Barker, for pipe, fittings and labor,	\$1,992 71	Special approp'n for heating State Almshouse.	
	Stephen Ashton, for boiler and fixtures,	403 07	By cash drawn in September last,	\$1,000 00
	N. T. Staples, for setting boiler,	103 98	By cash received of State Treasurer,	1,499 76
		\$2,499 76		\$2,499 76

ISAAC H. MESERVE, *Superintendent.*

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

[For fourteen weeks of the financial year.]

To the Board of Inspectors :—

GENTLEMEN,—I herewith submit my report for a portion of the almshouse year, commencing with the 22d of June, and closing with the 30th of September.

The average number of inmates for the time has been 811, and the average cost for the support of each person has been eighty-seven cents per week.

There has been sent out of the State during this time 128 persons who have become State paupers.

In the subjoined tables will be found an account of the expenditures, as also a statement of the products of the farm, and the amount of provisions, merchandise, &c., now on hand.

Although my official connection with the institution has been but for a short time, I trust you will pardon me for a few suggestions.

In my opinion there is required more school accommodation. We now have, in *one room*, all the children of the institution who attend school. Their daily average attendance for the past year has been two hundred; very soon, doubtless, that number will be increased. I therefore recommend that a new school-room be provided, to the end that there may be a division of the school.

In consideration of the quantity of milk required daily, and the sum annually paid for it, I suggest the importance of purchasing a sufficient number of cows to supply the demand.

I think the house should be painted as soon as may be.

If these suggestions meet with your approval, will you please ask the legislature for a special appropriation to defray the expense of the same.

ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF PRODUCE RAISED ON THE FARM.

100 bushels rye.
 7 tons rye straw.
 45 bushels sweet corn, in ears.
 1,750 bushels potatoes.
 1,200 bushels turnips.
 100 bushels onions.
 9,000 heads cabbages.
 10 tons carrots.
 25 bushels beans.
 35 barrels green peas.
 1,000 pounds squash.
 100 bushels parsnips.
 75 bushels beets.
 20 bushels tomatoes.
 13 tons English hay.
 4 tons run hay.
 8 tons oat fodder.
 2 tons melons.
 4 tons pumpkins.
 50 bushels cucumbers.

ESTIMATE OF PRODUCE ON HAND.

1,340 bushels potatoes, at 50 cents,	.	.	.	\$670 00
1,200 bushels turnips, at 25 cents,	.	.	.	300 00
9,000 heads cabbages, at 4 cents,	.	.	.	360 00
80 bushels rye, at \$1,	.	.	.	80 00
10 tons carrots, at \$10,	.	.	.	100 00
10 tons English hay, at \$12,	.	.	.	120 00
4 tons run hay, at \$10,	.	.	.	40 00
8 tons oat fodder, at \$10,	.	.	.	80 00
75 bushels onions, at 75 cents,	.	.	.	56 25
8 bushels beans, at \$1.25,	.	.	.	10 00
6 barrels pork, at \$19,	.	.	.	114 00
100 bushels parsnips, at 50 cents,	.	.	.	50 00
75 bushels beets, at 50 cents,	.	.	.	37 50

\$2,017 75

1 two-horse carryall and harnesses,	.	.	.	\$400	00
1 buggy and harness,	.	.	.	200	00
1 express wagon,	.	.	.	150	00
4 ox carts,	.	.	.	200	00
2 ox wagons,	.	.	.	160	00
2 sleighs,	.	.	.	50	00
1 ox sled,	.	.	.	20	00
9 ox yokes,	.	.	.	30	00
1 wagon,	.	.	.	15	00
1 single harness,	.	.	.	20	00
1 double harness,	.	.	.	20	00
1 cart harness,	.	.	.	10	00
1 chain harness,	.	.	.	10	00
Wheelbarrows,	.	.	.	10	00
1 swill wagon,	.	.	.	10	00
2 harrows,	.	.	.	7	00
Ploughs, chains, shovels, axes, spades, iron bars					
and other farming utensils,	.	.	.	150	00
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				\$1,462	00

EXPENSES.

Estimate of W. I. goods, dry goods, shoe stock,
wood and lumber, stock, farming tools, carriages,
drugs and medicines, &c., as per report of I. H.

Meserve, \$10,658 31

Cash paid out as follows.

June, 1858.

J. H. Mitchell, agent, coal, . . . \$1,845 27

Schooner Monterey, transporting coal, . . 405 00

Schooner Speed, transporting coal, . . 300 80

Total, in June, . . . \$2,551 07

July, 1858.

Joseph Jones, flour and grain, . . . \$1,170 35

Salem & Lowell Railroad, transportation, . . 612 88

A. C. Clark & Co., potatoes, . . . 182 66

John Gale, express wagon, . . . 150 00

J. B. Alley & Co., shoe stock, . . . 148 04

J. W. & A. Roberts, beans, . . . 93 14

A. Bond & Son, crackers, . . . 87 30

Thomas J. Marsh, sundries, . . . 84 55

Otis Allen, lumber, . . . 78 10

Joseph S. Farmer, butter and milk, . . 73 97

Jones, Pratt & Cristy, W. I. goods, . . 73 74

Leonard Huntress, milk, . . . 68 25

A. F. Graves, school books and stationery, . 65 37

King, Dexter & Co., paints and oil, . . 60 54

George Pillsbury, milk, . . . 58 50

S. H. Lewis & Son, oil, &c., . . . 56 17

W. E. Somes, buns and gingerbread, . . 56 00

Pierce Brothers & Flanders, dry goods, . . 55 57

Tower, Whitcher & Co., oats, . . . 48 00

Isaac H. Meserve, services, . . . 44 96

E. R. Gardner, milk, . . . 42 65

N. P. Mann & Co., salt fish, . . . 36 60

Carter, Colcord & Preston, medicines, . . 34 27

Sargent's Express, transportation, . . 34 50

William Hunter, butter, cheese, &c., . . 27 35

Francis McLaughlin, brushes, . . . 24 79

French, Wells & Co., crockery, . . . 19 25

Aaron R. Gay, stationery,	\$13 74
Levi Reynolds, hops,	10 20
Paul Sears, salt,	7 80
Aaron Frost, Jr., alcohol,	4 50
Thomas Dunham, clothes lines,	4 00
May & Co., hardware,	2 84
B. P. Foster, yoke of oxen,	125 00
Caleb Livingston, milk,	88 99
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Total in July,	\$3,744 57

August, 1858.

Jones, Pratt & Cristy, W. I. goods,	\$540 40
David Nichols, soapstone tubs,	266 57
Pierce Brothers & Flanders, dry goods,	94 03
T. J. Jenkins, beef,	92 84
Allen, Whiting, Lane & Washburn, dry goods,	67 84
Caleb Livingston, milk,	58 72
William Hunter, butter and cheese,	50 55
Leonard Huntress, milk,	49 00
Joseph S. Farmer, milk,	49 00
Thaddeus Gould, hats,	40 75
George Pillsbury, milk,	39 96
William E. Livingston, lime and cement,	36 18
George H. Bickford, services,	32 00
Lowell & Lawrence Railroad, transportation,	28 53
E. R. Gardner, milk,	25 64
A. L. Waite & Co., beans,	25 54
French, Wells & Co., crockery,	19 94
N. P. Mann & Co., salt fish,	13 62
Paul Sears, salt,	12 00
William White, blanks and note headings,	9 50
May & Co., hardware,	7 13
Carter, Colcord & Preston, medicines,	5 10
J. B. Fielding & Co., glass,	3 55
R. Warner & Co., baskets, &c.,	3 25
E. P. Dodge, repairing lamps,	3 00
King, Dexter & Co., paints,	2 05
Thomas J. Marsh, sundries,	88 31
B. & L. and N. & L. Railroads, transportation,	9 50
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Total in August,	\$1,674 50

September, 1858.

John B. Alley & Co., shoe stock, . . .	\$139 18
Pierce Brothers & Flanders, dry goods, . . .	135 70
E. R. Gardner, hay and milk, . . .	105 74
Jones, Pratt & Cristy, W. I. goods, . . .	102 72
Nathaniel Witham, salt fish, . . .	71 06
William Hunter, butter and cheese, . . .	59 94
Nourse & Co., farming tools, . . .	53 87
Joseph S. Farmer, milk, . . .	51 45
Leonard Huntress, milk, . . .	49 00
George Pillsbury, milk, . . .	47 58
William Perkins, smith work, . . .	44 04
Locke & Cater, lumber, . . .	32 92
King, Dexter & Co., paints and oil, . . .	28 76
Carter, Colcord & Preston, medicines, . . .	27 70
Otis Allen, lumber, . . .	27 02
Salem & Lowell Railroad, transportation, . . .	23 10
N. P. Mann & Co., salt fish, . . .	22 80
French, Wells & Co., crockery, . . .	22 08
B. W. Wentworth, labor, . . .	19 70
Paul Sears, salt, . . .	15 00
Aaron Frost, Jr., groceries, . . .	14 21
Winslow, Batchelder & Co., fire brick, . . .	12 50
Alanson Flint, straw, . . .	9 10
P. M. Jefferson, straw, . . .	9 04
Thomas Morey, straw, . . .	5 20
Allen, Whiting, Lane & Washburn, dry goods, . . .	5 10
S. W. Simpson, straw, . . .	4 92
Thaddeus Gould, hats, . . .	4 12
Joseph Jones, flour and grain, . . .	378 25
Russell & Phinney, shoe findings, . . .	4 06
John Strachan, straw, . . .	3 84
Thomas J. Marsh, sundries, . . .	62 54
Salaries for the quarter ending September 30, . . .	1,660 06

Total in September, . . . \$3,252 30

Total amount paid out, . . . \$11,222 44

added to the amount of articles on hand, is 21,880 75

To this should be added, amount of bills unpaid, 994 24

\$22,874 99

From this amount should be deducted

for the estimate of produce on hand,	\$2,017 75
W. I. goods, coal, dry goods, shoe stock,	
clothing, wood, lumber, stock, &c., .	8,312 75
Farming utensils and carriages, . .	1,462 00
Cash received for board, &c., . .	442 40
Improvements,	540 22
Transportation of paupers,	162 43
	<hr/> \$12,937 55

Making the net sum for the support of inmates, \$9,837 44
being \$12.20 for each pauper fourteen weeks, or
87 cents per week.

The number in the house at commencement of the term,	809
Admitted during the fourteen weeks,	779

Of this number there were admitted from—

Boston,	456
Lowell,	87
Lawrence,	29
Tewksbury,	29
Salem,	24
Lynn,	14
Newburyport,	12
Charlestown,	11
Cambridge,	11
Haverhill,	7
Concord,	6
Chelsea,	6
Waltham,	4
Andover and Somerville, 3 each,	6
Woburn, Malden, Ipswich house of correction, and Georgetown, 2 each,	8
Newton, West Newbury, Lexington, Medford, Natick, Watertown, West Cambridge, Fram- mingham, Winchester, Townsend, Melrose, South Danvers, and Chelmsford, 1 each, .	13
Born in house,	32
Transient,	24
Total,	<hr/> 779

The following table will show the time of admission, age when admitted, and sex:—

	Total.	Males.	Females.	Under 10.	Between 10 and 20.	Between 20 and 30.	Between 30 and 40.	Between 40 and 50.	Between 50 and 60.	Between 60 and 70.	Between 70 and 80.	Over 80.
June,	76	34	42	24	7	24	8	6	4	—	3	—
July,	234	123	111	82	18	46	35	28	13	8	3	1
August, . . .	220	129	91	71	26	41	31	19	18	9	3	2
September, .	249	134	115	78	27	54	37	20	17	11	4	1
Totals, . . .	779	420	359	255	78	165	111	73	52	28	13	4

Of the foregoing number, there were born in

Ireland,	345
Massachusetts, (mostly of foreign parents,) .	249
England,	47
British Provinces,	37
Scotland,	21
Maine,	18
New York,	17
New Hampshire,	13
Rhode Island,	6
Maryland,	5
Other States,	8
Germany and France, 3 each,	6
Russia, Italy, and West Indies, 1 each, . . .	3
Unknown,	4

779

In the house at commencement of the term, 809

1,588

Deaths,	76
Births, (including stillborn,)	34
Average number,	811
Present number,	822

In closing, permit me to acknowledge the courtesy extended by you when I assumed the duties of my present position, and for the kindly interest manifested so constantly since, both for myself and family,—as also in all that pertains to the comfort of the inmates, and the best interests of the Commonwealth.

THOMAS J. MARSH,
Superintendent.

TEWKSBURY, October 1, 1858.

Dr. THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS in account with THOMAS J. MARSH, Superintendent. Cr.

1858.		1858.	
June,	To cash paid for supplies, . . .	\$2,551 07	By cash received from State Treasurer, . .
July,	cash paid for supplies, . . .	3,744 57	cash received from State Treasurer, . .
Aug.	cash paid for supplies, . . .	1,674 50	cash received from State Treasurer, . .
Sept.	cash paid for supplies and salaries, .	3,252 30	cash received from State Treasurer, . .
		<u>\$11,222 44</u>	cash received for things sold, &c., . .
			<u>\$11,222 44</u>

THOMAS J. MARSH, Superintendent.

This is to certify that we have examined the above accounts of Thomas J. Marsh with the Commonwealth, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

E. HUNTINGTON, }
GEORGE FOSTER, } Inspectors.
DANA HOLDEN, }

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Inspectors of the State Almshouse, Tewksbury:—

GENTLEMEN,—The Fifth Annual Report of the Medical Department of this institution is now presented. Every year's experience brings up new ideas in the sanitary management of our inmates, and confirms or refutes impressions previously made. In addition to the ordinary matter contained in these reports, I would like to call your attention to one or two subjects legitimately connected with this department, and which deserve the attention of the physician and the philanthropist. The first is the effects of over-crowding the house, as exhibited the past winter. The financial crisis which had just swept the land brought distress not only upon the merchant and moneyed man, but upon the laborer, who, depending upon the proceeds of his daily toil to furnish his family with the necessaries of life, was left suddenly without employment, and, in consequence, has in very many cases been driven to the choice of the evils of starvation, private charity, or the almshouse. The result to us of this state of things was, that for a few months during the winter our institution was overrun with numbers. The house, capable of holding not more than ten hundred without great inconvenience, to say nothing of the health of the inmates, last winter gave shelter to twelve hundred, on an average, for three months. During this time, as may be easily seen, the rooms were crowded to their utmost capacity. The adults and larger children, who were out in the fresh air daily, lived through the winter with comparatively little detriment to their health. But the nurseries, containing nearly as many women as should ordinarily be put in rooms of their size, had

in addition as many infants and small children as adults. These children, on account of their tender age, or other reasons, having seldom had an opportunity to leave their rooms during the winter, began towards spring to show decided evidences of that unhealthy condition caused by breathing vitiated air. Just at this time a severe endemic of measles broke out in the house among this enfeebled class of children. The hospital wards were soon filled with patients, and three other large rooms were set apart for the sick, and every convenience possible under the circumstances was rendered to assuage their sufferings. The older children attacked by the disease, who had had daily out-door exercise, got up well, with one or two exceptions ; but the younger, who had been confined in-doors, as above explained, suffered severely. Of the whole number—two hundred and nineteen—who had measles, six died in the acute stage, and twenty others lingered, some for weeks, and some for months, dropping away with complicated maladies ; while others, dating their sickness from the measles as the starting point of their trouble, slowly recovered. My attention was directed to this subject at the time, and on investigation it was found that the largest number of these secondary deaths occurred in patients from those rooms that had been most crowded with mothers and their little children during the winter.

The other subject to which I would refer is the mortality of our motherless infants. Most of these, no doubt, have mothers living, who have sent them to the almshouse by some one of the following expedients :—The mother may have abandoned her infant in the street, or left it with some family, without providing for its board ; or, through the assistance of some friend, or *would be* benevolent individual, she may have obtained a situation at service, while the child, in each case, is sent to the almshouse, to almost certain death. Or she may have absconded from the institution, leaving her infant to its fate. No less than forty of these almshouse orphans, as they may properly be termed, have died the past year ; thirty-two of which were less than one year of age, the others between one and two. No recorded statistics are at hand, but probably not more than three per cent. of these orphans, of an age less than one year when they enter the almshouse, live.

There are two great difficulties in rearing them, neither of which can be easily remedied. The first lies in the necessity of requiring inmates, who have no regard whatever for the welfare of these children, to take care of them by day and by night — work they often complain of as exceedingly irksome. The consequence of this forced care is that the child will be neglected upon every possible occasion. The other difficulty is the artificial food with which the younger of these children are obliged to be fed. It is a hard matter to bring up a child without that nutriment which nature provides, when the best of care and attention can be given. Is it, therefore, any wonder that these infants, living upon unnatural food, and at the same time receiving unwilling care from their attendants, should nearly or quite all die?

The annexed tables show, under their respective heads, such facts as could be conveniently arranged. The number of recorded cases of sickness is one thousand eight hundred and forty-three. The average number on the sick list has been one hundred and sixty-four. Of this number there were fifty-eight men, forty-seven women, and fifty-nine children. The largest number at any time three hundred and three, and the smallest number one hundred and twenty-five.

The percentage of deaths to the whole number of persons in the house during the past year has been larger than during the ten months preceding, but less than any other year since the opening of the institution, as the following table will show. This table may not exhibit the true state of the health of the house during the years reported, for the reason that in some years more fatally diseased and moribund cases are admitted than others. But it gives, perhaps, as good an idea of the subject as any thing that could be presented. The basis of calculation has been the whole number of inmates in and admitted to the house during the time for which the percentage was made, and each period taken separately. It also shows, for the last three periods, the number of cases of sickness on record, and the percentage of deaths on this basis. During the first and second periods these records were imperfect, therefore no reliable estimate could be made upon them.

*Whole Number of Persons in, and admitted to, the Institution
during the period of the*

	1st Report, 7 Months.	2d Report, 12 Months.	3d Report, 12 Months.	4th Report, 10 Months.	5th Report, 12 Months.
Whole number of inmates, .	2,193	3,150	2,457	2,017	3,586
Whole number of deaths in each period,	161	280	193	107	227
Percentage of deaths on this basis for each period, .	7.34	8.89	7.85	5.30	6.33
Number of cases of sickness on record for the last three periods,	—	—	1,675	994	1,843
Percentage of deaths on this basis,	—	—	12.12	10.76	12.31

The births, as will be seen by the table, have been about the usual annual number. Of the ninety-seven mothers confined the past year, three have died in childbed ; one from puerperal fever, one from inflammation of lungs, and one from puerperal mania. In the last case the birth was premature.

In closing this my fifth report, I would renew my thanks for your kindness, and hope the present prosperous condition of the institution under your inspection may long continue.

JONATHAN BROWN,

Physician.

STATE ALMSHOUSE, TEWKSBURY, {
October 1, 1858. }

TABLE No. 1,

Showing the Number of Cases of Sickness in the State Alms-house, Tewksbury, from October 1, 1857, to September 30, 1858, with the Numbers for each Month, and the names of the principal Diseases.

DISEASES,	Total.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.
Abscess,	43	2	5	5	2	7	-	-	10	1	1	7	3
<i>Alimentary Canal, Diseases of—</i>													
Cholera Infantum,	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	3	2	4
Cancrum Oris,	32	1	1	1	1	4	9	4	2	3	1	3	2
Diarrhoea,	101	2	5	5	7	4	20	12	2	7	7	10	12
Dysentery,	10	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	5
<i>Other Diseases of Alimentary Canal,</i>													
Debility,	49	5	1	3	2	1	10	3	1	4	7	6	6
Dropsy,	121	10	11	11	4	8	10	9	14	17	11	5	13
Eye, Diseases of,	9	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	2	1
Fever, Diseases of,	269	12	13	6	9	15	22	22	40	32	30	45	23
Fever, Ephemeral,	117	14	4	4	11	14	14	12	7	15	7	8	8
Typhoid,	38	1	4	4	4	6	5	6	2	2	3	2	3
Intermittent,	14	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	2	2	2	3	-
Intemperance,	24	1	3	3	-	-	3	-	3	3	-	6	5
<i>Nervous Centres, Diseases of—</i>													
Hydrocephalus,	11	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	1	-	3	1	-
Delirium Tremens,	38	3	3	3	-	1	1	2	7	5	4	7	2
Palsy,	10	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	4	-
<i>Other Diseases of Nervous Centres,</i>													
Marasmus,	30	-	2	-	1	6	4	3	3	1	3	2	5
Puerperal,	38	2	2	3	5	5	3	1	4	1	1	4	7
	97	9	3	3	12	10	4	8	3	13	14	6	12

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TABLE No. 3,

Showing the Number of Births in the State Alms-house, Tewksbury, during each Month, from October 1, 1857, to September 30, 1858, with the Sex, Twins, Stillborn, and the Birthplace of the Mothers; with a Recapitulation.

MONTHS.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Twins.	Stillborn.	Birthplace of Mothers.				
						Ireland.	United States.	British Prov.	England.	Other Countries.
October,	9	7	2	-	-	8	-	-	1	-
November,	3	1	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
December,	3	1	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
January,	12	8	4	-	1	8	-	1	-	3
February,	10	7	3	-	2	9	1	-	-	-
March,	4	1	3	-	1	4	-	-	-	-
April,	8	6	2	-	1	8	-	-	-	-
May,	4	2	2	-	-	3	-	1	-	-
June,	13	3	10	-	2	10	2	-	-	1
July,	14	3	11	-	2	11	2	-	-	1
August,	5	3	2	-	-	2	1	-	1	1
September,	12	6	6	-	-	8	3	1	-	-
Totals,	97	48	49	-	9	77	9	3	2	6
RECAPITULATION.										
Births from May 1, to Dec. 1, 1854, .	62	35	27	2	5	51	6	1	1	2
Dec. 1, '54, to Dec. 1, '55,	105	53	52	4	10	73	12	10	4	4
Dec. 1, '55, to Dec. 1, '56,	80	41	39	6	7	62	4	7	2	2
Dec. 1, '56, to Oct. 1, '57,	51	25	26	2	7	36	6	4	3	1
Whole number of Births since the opening of the Institution, . . .	395	202	193	14	38	299	37	25	12	15

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

To the Inspectors of the State Almshouse, Tewksbury :—

GENTLEMEN,—The peculiar financial features of the past year, which have brought so many people into straightened circumstances, forced them to the door of charity, and in the end thrown them upon the Commonwealth for support, have rendered the duties of your official position more arduous and responsible, as they have, also, those of nearly all persons holding an official relation to our State almshouses.

This, perhaps, is equally true of the Chaplain as of any officer, inasmuch as an unusually large number of worthy and respectable people, who justly deserve and ought to receive a large amount of sympathy, have been compelled, as a last resort, to come to the almshouse. With many of these this very unexpected change in their fortune has proved a severe trial, and the only immediate cause of their continuing a single day inmates of a charitable institution is stern necessity. Then it has been more manifest than in any former year (and it has been enough so for several years) that the chapel of our institution is entirely inadequate to meet the want of the multitude who are gathered here during some portions of the year. For several months of the year 1857-8, as you well know, there was an average of about twelve hundred persons in our institution; and during that time not more than *one-third* of the inmates who *ought*, and by the rules of the institution *are required*, to attend religious service, could be accommodated. To this want I desire to call your attention; and not more because it actually excludes a large number of inmates from the religious instructions of the institution, than because it furnishes a ready excuse to all who are disposed, on the slight-

est pretence, to transgress wholesome regulations. Under these circumstances it is hardly necessary for me to state that our religious services have been generally well attended, and that our place of worship has occasionally been crowded to its utmost capacity. It is proper to add here, that the regular exercises of the Sabbath are a morning and evening service, and Sabbath school in the afternoon.

Our Sabbath school is not only the most attractive, but, we believe, the most important of our exercises. There is much encouragement to instruct children. Their minds are plastic, easily impressed, and it is but reasonable to expect a harvest, notwithstanding the many adverse influences that may hereafter be applied to them. During the past year our Sabbath school has been conducted more successfully than in any former year; and I take pleasure in stating that much credit is due several of the officers, and particularly the Superintendents, Isaac H. Meserve and Thomas J. Marsh, Esqrs., and Dr. Brown, the Resident Physician, and Miss Barber, and Mr. Bailey, who have voluntarily, cheerfully, and faithfully served the children. Besides of late we have had the very valuable addition of a number of lady teachers from the neighborhood. Aided by so many faithful laborers, I can but hope that hundreds of these poor children will be permanently benefited.

The week day school, under the direction and instruction of the same excellent teachers, Misses Barber and Hussy, the past year, as the preceding one, has been prosperous. The teachers have been untiring in their efforts, have labored in season and out of season, and, beyond all question, have labored successfully. The school has been very large,—for two teachers averaging two hundred scholars.

In my last report I referred particularly to the evening religious service, which had previously been established by the late excellent Superintendent, Mr. Meserve; and it is pleasant to record its continuance. Mr. Marsh, in assuming the duties and responsibilities of Superintendent, has taken hold of this work earnestly, and in the true spirit of a moralist and a Christian. Upon such a work too high an estimate can hardly be placed.

It is gratifying to add, that as formerly in all my work as Chaplain I enjoyed the sympathy and hearty co-operation of the

ex-Superintendent, so now there is no lack of kindly feeling and earnest effort on the part of Hon. Thomas J. Marsh, the new Superintendent.

In closing this report, permit me, gentlemen, to express my high consideration for the interest you have steadily manifested in the educational, moral, and religious, as well as the physical and financial condition of the institution under your care.

J. M. BURTT,
Chaplain.

